9-50 a.m.

Veterinary Hospital at Vedaranyam.

457 *Q.*—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM: கனம் உள் விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) வேதாரண்யத்திலுள்ள கால்நடை ஆஸ்பத்திரி எப்போது திறக்கப்பட்டது ?

(ஆ) இதற்கான செலவென்ன ?

(இ) இதற்கு கிராமத்தினர் அளித்த உதவி எவ்வளவு ?

(ஈ) இவ்வாஸ்பத்திரியில் எவ்வளவு நாட்களாக டாக்டர் இல்லை ?

(உ) இந்த ஆஸ்பத்திரி கட்டிடம் கட்டு முன் இங்கே கால்நடை டாக்டர் இருந்தாரா ?

(ஊ) இந்த ஆஸ்பத்திரிக்கு டாக்டர் எப்போது நியமிக்கப்படுவார் ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) There is no Veterinary Hospital at Vedaranyam, but a Minor Veterinary Dispensary under the Community Development Programme was opened on 20th June 1958.

(*b*) An expenditure of Rs. 11,544 was incurred in connection with the construction of building for this institution.

(*c*) By cash Rs. 2,797.

By labour Rs. 112.

The balance was met by the District Board and from Community Development Funds.

(*d*) From the beginning, there was no Veterinary Assistant Surgeon for this Minor Veterinary Dispensary and it was under the supervision of the Extension Officer for Animal Husbandry who happened to be a Veterinary and Livestock Inspector.

(*e*) Yes. There was a Veterinary Assistant Surgeon as Extension Officer in the Vedaranyam Community Development Block.

(*f*) The matter is under consideration of Government.

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM: இந்த மருத்துவ நிலையத்திற்கு இடம் போதாமலிருப்பதால், வேறு சில இடங்களை ஆர்ஜிதம் செய்ய வேண்டும் என்று கோரப்பட்டிருந்ததே, அது எந்த நிலையில் இருக்கிறது ? அங்கே ஒரு மருத்துவரை எப்போது நியமிக்க சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசம் ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: அது சம்பந்தமாக என்னிடம் இப்போது தகவல் இல்லை.

Outbreak of a disease in Perambalur area

* 458 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any disease is affecting the cattle in a virulent form in Perambalur area, Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) whether the disease affects human beings also;

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(c) the number of deaths in case of—

(i) persons;

(ii) cattle;

(d) the steps taken—

(i) to prevent the further spreading of this disease; and

(ii) to cure the affected persons and cattle.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No cattle disease is affecting the cattle in a virulant form in Perambalur area, Tiruchirappalli district excepting an attack of Anthrax among sheep and goats in Kilamathur village (Kudikadu).

(b) Only two of human Anthrax have occurred.

(c) (i) Nil.

(ii) Sixty-five sheep and goats.

(d) (i) Men and materials were at once rushed to the spot by the District Veterinary Officer, Ariyalur. The mobile motor van was also made to tour in the affected areas. Seven thousand, six hundred and fifty-eight sheep and goats were vaccinated, Health Inspector and the District Health Officer also immediately visited the areas and instituted control and preventive measures.

(ii) Health Department made a propaganda about the necessity for the isolation of every sick animal. The people were advised to remove the carcases of dead animals without cutting and to bury the same in one foot of lime and also to disinfect all articles used in handling the animals. Skinning of dead bodies of animals and in any way cutting them or eating the flesh of these were prohibited. The Veterinary Assistant Surgeon also toured the affected areas and did propaganda. No animals were ailing at the time of his visit. Arrangements have also been made for mass vaccination in the event of fresh outbreak.

Artificial Insemination Centre

* 459 Q.—SRI V. SANKARAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the number of artificial insemination centres established in the Madurai district; and

(b) how many more are to be opened in the said district during the Second Five-Year Plan period?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) There are 11 Artificial Insemination Centres in Madurai district.

(b) The number of centres to be opened in the Madurai district during the years 1959–60 and 1960–61 has not yet been decided.